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Billions of American dollars are doled out each year to failing corporations and industries here at home and to foreign nations in poverty. America has a failure and poverty problem within its own boundaries in the inner cities. The present administrations call for less government should apply to corporations as well as to private citizens.

In retrospect perhaps we should thank Messrs. Gingrich and Gramm for their clarion "wake-up" to black America. As sleeping giants we have arisen from our slumber and will take charge of our destiny.

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12. I will maintain my integrity and personhood at all times, though I may be devoid of material goods because of circumstances beyond my control.
13. I will always exercise my constitutional right to vote and diligently carry out this duty as an American citizen. I will not accept second class citizenship.
14. I am proud of my blackness and my African-American

POLLY TICKS

by Eddy Guilbert

NEW JERSEY – Did you register to vote? We have to be prepared for what is a battle for our survival. Think about the future of our children, parents, and grandparents. We must do for ourselves, don't wait for handouts. Maybe you think someone owes you something – believe me they don't. Our future depends on what we do for ourselves – struggle is the way of life and politics is the base, with the religion of the future your own commandments. There are two men running for President – one says he cares about our people, the poor and middle class. The other has always been a good man for the rich – so it isn't hard for you and yours to make a decision. **President Clinton** is the choice of this column. Things have never been perfect but like I've often said, we must take the first step to secure our place in the sun... Republican Vice President contender **Kemp** was in Newark recently and our citizens showed him every courtesy... Kudos to the **World Day of Atonement**, the one-year anniversary of the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. An estimated 38,000-plus people filled the streets

near the United Nations in New York City... **Carol Elizabeth Johns** has a new boss, **Richard A. Dickers**, who will be doing great things for **Mayor Cardell Cooper** in East Orange... **Burnett Curtis Grayson, III** was featured at the PNC Arts Center's (formerly known as the Garden State Art Center) **African American Arts Festival**. His featured painting was entitled "My Brown Eyes Do See Color." He is the son of **Curtis Grayson**, a civic-minded public relations person... **Ron Rice Jr., Melvin Bittle, and Daphne Turner** say if you are between the age of 16-35, join the **Essex County Young Democrats** (201) 705-8729. Get involved!... When you say local or national "polly ticks" look around you the best of the best on the scene are **Larrie W. Stalks** and **Dr. Elayne D. Brodie**... In **Camden, NJ**, about 2.2 million in federal grants and housing funds were mismanaged or misspent by that city, so says a federal auditor. Camden may have to repay \$800,000 used to build a fire station and 1.3 spent on Halloween pumpkins and parade floats... **Trenton, NJ**, the Assembly Health Committee ok'd a bill to repeal the 1938 law that requires a blood test to get married. The test which checks for syphilis is out of date.... **Plainfield, NJ**, **Carolyn McGowan-Reese** was chosen as the

new Executive Director for the Plainfield Housing Authority. She also has been a teacher and worked in the Newark Housing Authority as Chief Planner.... **Newark, NJ**, former city council president **Gary Harris** is under another investigation – when does it stop... Some folks are saying that **Mayor Sara Bost** should not have called in the state to help her investigate an accounting problem and others think she's done what is correct.... **National Notes**: Seattle Democrat **Mayor Norm Rice** could be the state of Washington's first Black governor. His major opponent is Republican **Nona Brazier**, former chair of King County, Washington, and chair of the state's Small Business Council. It is the battle of two black giants for the governorship of the state of Washington... **Newark, NJ**, police director **Joseph Santiago** isn't just us giving lip service. Police patrols are parked where you don't expect to see them and doing a super job in the various trouble spots.... Hey, you'll be sorry if you don't check out the new **Spike Lee** movie "**Get On the Bus**." Just a super job of portraying the brothers, all points of view, many different personalities and situations. So don't forget to go see for yourself – especially if you went to Washington, D.C. last October.

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I'm announcing my support for the return of the **McCreary Report** to Fox Television Channel 5. As an elected official, I understand the importance of the diversity of views and opinions in shaping public policy.

The **McCreary Report** brings a unique perspective to its viewers. At a time when issues like affirmative action, immigration, and race relations are at the forefront of public debate, the **McCreary Report** is vital to inform all segments of the community about the vast talents, worthy organizations and the issues and opinions of the African American community.

It is easier today for African Americans to get a situation comedy on the air than a serious, informative, issues-oriented news program concerning public affairs. The Federal Communication Commission should be looking into the issues of diversity relative to African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians and others, and their involvement, both on and off the screen, as well as in ownership. Please read **Black Enterprise Magazine**, page 20 of the October 1996 issue concerning the lack of minority ownership in broadcast media.

This has been a continuing problem for informative shows that have an impact in the Afri-

can American community. Today, it is the **McCreary Report** and Fox Television. However, *Like It Is* has been under attack; *Positively Black*, once hosted by New Jersey's own Gus Heninburg, airs at unusual times; or my own struggle to get my talk show renewed, *Community Dialogue* with Comcast Cablevision. Even Bill Cosby was prevented from buying N.B.C.

I would encourage everyone to call and write Fox TV and demand the return of the **McCreary Report**. Also, urge your Congressman and U.S. Senator to contact the F.C.C. for an examination of minority involvement in the media.

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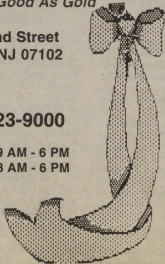
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Marcia Wilson-Brown

Marcia Wilson-Brown is a 1994 graduate and honors-laden mom from Rutgers University Law School in Newark.

Ms. Wilson-Brown served as a law clerk for the former Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, Robert N. Wilentz.

In addition to studies in the school's 4½-year evening program, Wilson-Brown worked full time at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she is a program manager in the Community Planning and Development Center. She's responsible for the evaluation and monitoring of federally funded programs.

"I wanted to do something else with my life," she said. "I wanted to deal with something in public interest law concerning education, housing and even criminal law. My two main goals were to get my law degree and to get into an arena to help people in legal aspects - those who are left behind and locked out."

Marcia added that she feels a special responsibility comes with designation "attorney at law," and she hopes to use the title to benefit others.

Her achievements come despite a demanding schedule at the office, and in the home. Her daughter a graduate from Tuskegee Institute of Technology who now works as an electrical engineer for General Motors.

Ms. Brown is a community development advocate, poet, dramatist, and member of the Newark Writers Collective, Cultural Emanations, and Black Rose Love, a performing arts group.



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Proper attire is becoming the absolute *in* thing – no sneakers or jeans and men taking off their hats in the presence of women, so says the staff of **Bogie's, Peppermint Lounge** and **Top Brass**. Some of the best-dressed men seen in Essex County are **Calvin West**, **Harold Lucas**, **Wendell Wilson** and **Sam Manigault**. Best dressed women include **Larrie W. Stalks**, **Alina Ramirez**, **Audrey West** and **Marcia J. Robinson**... **Brokers Lounge** of East Orange, presented the jazz group "**The Affect**" recently... **Queenie** and **Tommy James** recently celebrated fifty years of marriage. All of their friends wish them the best... **Nora Smith** makes clothes come alive, she is one of the most shapely women in the nation... **Mario Fernandez** got his stolen car back, courtesy of **Peppy**, **Joey** and **Jimmy Parrillo**... Boy, **Dawn Edmond** is cute... **Gene Thompson**, the lawyer, went south to Memphis TN, to visit his college buddy **Harold Ford Jr.** who is running for Congress. Gene was impressed with the southern food, grits, catfish, fried okra, and hush puppies. Sez is was great eating... Wow! **Sidney Poiter's** daughter **Anika** is a beauty aspiring to become an actress. **Ernie Johnston** is now a public relations executive for **Crossroads Theater** in New Brunswick... **Arthur Lewis**, a top clothing salesperson, is now at Bloomingdale's in New York (212) 705-2925... Remember to tell **Connie Woodruff** that the big and the small miss her... **Tiger Woods** who recently turned Pro and won the Las Vegas Open (\$297,000), has

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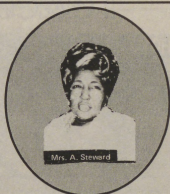
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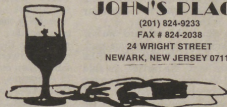
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The "Shadow" overheard two sisters talking the other day, one said, "this real cute guy" asked her if he could take her to the movies, she said o.k. and she said he told her to meet him inside at the candy counter, and I bet he didn't even have money for candy... and before I forget, that young sister that moved recently from 14th Ave. in Newark to Maplewood - you forgot to leave your 'project' mentality behind - The "Shadow" heard you cussin' out another sister outside of the nail salon in Irvington the other day and you have invented a whole new set of curse words. I'd never heard some of the words you used... Here's the "Shadow's" hot tip of the day, the residents of that house on Sunset, in Vailsburg, had better keep what you're doing on the "down low," cause everybody knows what's going on inside. Your place has more traffic than Penn Station on a busy day! And remember, all of he cars that park outside are not customers, some of them belong to the narcs - and just like the "Shadow" they are watching you...

To that poor, sorry, sister on So. 14th Street in Newark, who is chasing after her baby's father hoping that he will help take care of the baby - give it up, it ain't gonna happen, you were used and abused. Think back when your belly "popped" out, he "popped" out of the picture.

Congratulations go out to the young lady who does the stroll on William Street in Orange. She can be seen both day and night out on the block trying to stop cars, she's out there in the rain, the heat or any inclement

weather, plying her trade. She is dedicated to her professional career. She is so devoted that her fellow street walkers voted for her as the "hardest" working girl in "Ho Business"...

Ever wonder why there are so many Chinese restaurants, Korean and Vietnamese fish stores and fast food joints in our neighborhoods? Is it because the sisters don't know how to cook? Or they just don't feel like missing their soaps to fix the family a decent meal once in awhile?

I sure hope the two brothers who drive around the towns in Essex county know what they are doing, they have a white Mercedes and a black Lexus convertible, the two cars together cost more than the average hard working family man makes in a lifetime, and these two young brothers don't even have social security cards. But remember all good things must come to an end.

I want to remind you to register to vote, if you can, remember those who can't like prisoners who have served time, this includes Mike Tyson then there are the other brothers who can't vote, like 2Pac Shakur and all of those who have gone on to the other place by way of the funeral home.

The "Shadow's" heart goes out to the three elderly men who can be seen each day and night sitting in the lobby of a downtown Newark hotel on Park Place, just sitting and watching the young girls come and go, day after day, they dream of the past

as their eyes write checks that their bodies can't cash, cause their bodies have been overdrawn for years and suffers from insufficient funds. But if you should catch one of them, please check your Blue Cross policy, you might not be covered for messing with anyone under 55 years of age... "peace" the "Shadow" is out of here till next time and remember I take no prisoners and hold nothing sacred - bye.

Check out the true stories that you don't hear or read about in the mainstream media

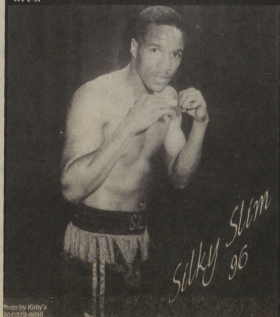
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